

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

The following is a complete list of claims. The claims below replace all prior versions of the claims in the application. Please amend claim 18.

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8. (Previously Presented) A large-waterplane-area ship, comprising:

a hull structure having a plurality of exclusive hull portions protruding from a main body of the hull structure, each hull portion having a Froude number greater than approximately 0.8 during a cruising mode of operation of the ship, each hull portion being at least partially above a waterline during the cruising mode of operation, wherein each hull portion has a length different from the length of any other hull portion.

9. (Previously Presented) A ship, comprising:

a main body having a length;

a plurality of struts protruding from the main body; and

a plurality of pontoons each coupled to at least one of the plurality of struts, each pontoon being misaligned with the other pontoons along the length, each pontoon having a length shorter than the length of the main body and each pontoon having a buoyancy wherein the combined buoyancy of each pontoon is sufficient to support the main body above a waterline, and wherein each pontoon has a Froude number greater than approximately 0.8 during a cruising mode of operation of the ship.

10. (Previously Presented) The ship of claim 9 wherein the combined buoyancy of each pontoon is sufficient to support the struts above the water line.

11. (Original) The ship of claim 9 wherein each strut is attached to one and only one pontoon.

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